

Board Meeting Coventry Fire, Anthony District

Wednesday April 4, 2012

Board members in attendance Gary Cote-chairman, Shirley Matthews-co-chair, Peter Pankowicz, Jim Beckman, and Louis Cote. Also Chief Paul Labbadia, Deputy Chief Robert Warren, and Arthur Capaldi, legal counsel.

Meeting called to order at 7:05P.M.

AGENDA:

- 1) Emergency evacuation procedure.**
- 2) Roll call**
- 3) Approval of the minutes of previous meeting held on Wednesday March 28, 2012.**

Gary Cote mentioned that before he entertains a motion to approve the minutes he wanted everyone to know that he made an error on the vote. It was incorrectly counted as a unanimous vote and should

have been a 3-0 vote because two board members did not participate.

Shirley Matthews makes a

motion to amend the minutes, seconded by Jim Beckman. All in favor, motion carries. Shirley Matthews

makes a motion to accept the minutes with the amendment, seconded by Louis Cote. All in favor,

motion carries. In pursuant to R.I. General law section 42-46-5 & 42-46-4a(7) financial the chair

entertains a motion from Louis Cote to enter into Executive Session.

Gary Cote -yes, Shirley Matthews-

yes, Peter Pankowicz -yes, louis Cote-yes, Jim Beckman-yes. Vote is unanimous. Gary Cote invites Mr.

Marc Pinard, lawyer for Brady Sullivan to join in the Executive Session. All board members are in favor.

The Chief, Deputy Chief and Arthur Capaldi also attend. The Executive Session begins at 7:10 P.M.

Motion to adjourn from Executive Session made by Jim Beckman and second by Louis Cote. All voted

aye, the record will show an unanimous vote. A motion was made by Jim Beckman and seconded by

louis Cote to reconvene to an open meeting. Gary Cote-yes, Shirley Matthews-yes, Peter Pankowicz-

yes, louis Cote-yes, Jim Beckman -yes. The vote is unanimous open meeting reconvened at 8:11P.M.

Tax office report prepared by Jean Lukowicz, tax collector and read by Gary Cote. Taxes collected to

date \$986,752.05. Interest collected to date \$35,173.49 for a total of \$1,021,925.54. The second

quarter is due April 30, 2012. We have collected 48 of taxes from our valuation, \$30,745.39 has been

collected from legal letters \$7,175.00 has been collected for legal letter fees. Jim Beckman made a

motion to accept the tax office report and is seconded by Louis Cote, all in favor, motion carries.

Gary Cote reminded everyone that we are here again tonight because

the last meeting was advertised incorrectly. There will be no vote to seal the minutes of the Executive Session because no vote was taken. Gary Cote knows that the taxpayers will have questions about the mill. He wants everyone to know that the town evaluation of \$850,000.00 will stand until 2015 and starting in 2016 the valuation will go up to \$2,850,000.00, in 2017 the valuation will go to \$4,850,000.00 and in 2018 it will go to the full evaluation whatever it may be at that time. The Chief and Gary also spoke with Marc Pinard on behalf of the district asking if Brady Sullivan LLC would be willing to help by making a \$73,000.00 lease payment for the next 8 years to cover the cost of new equipment. Mr. Pinard said he would take that

request back to Brady Sullivan and it would be given serious consideration. Shirley Matthews mentioned that she had done some research on Brady Sullivan LLC and they have been very generous to other communities in the past and that hopefully they would be able to help us also. Gary Cote stated that they are a very reputable company. Peter Pankowicz questioned budget line 9 overtime. The Chief stated that there are two firefighters out with injuries so the shifts need to be covered. Gary Cote

stated that this line item is historically over budget and other line items are moved around to cover the cost. Peter Pankowicz also questioned line 52 on the budget worksheet regarding other, we spent \$10,000.00, already. The Chief was not exactly sure what the other was but thought it may be insurance for the injured firefighters which is about \$5,000.00 each. He would find out and have an answer for the next meeting. Peter Pankowicz also asked about line 30 legal, we budgeted \$10,000 and already spent \$13,147.00. Jean Lukowicz thought that maybe it had something to do with the legal letter fees and would ask Tom Lacolle to check. It could just be placed in the wrong column. Peter Pankowicz would like to have that issue solved sooner than later. Arthur Capaldi said that his office has not received that much money and something must be in the wrong column or there is an error. Gary Cote stated that Tom Lacolle will be able to straighten out the issue. Peter Pankowicz asked where we stand with the \$105,000.00 line of credit. Coventry Credit Union has extended it for two months so that the payment due coincides better with our collection times. Shirley Matthews asked about the reimbursement money from the flood. The Chief said we were not going to get as much as we thought, but anything we

get will go to pay down the tax anticipation note. Shirley Matthews asked about the balance on the Home Depot credit card and if it was still needed. The Chief said there is no balance on the card and would like to keep it because there are things that will have to be bought in the near future, such as new ceiling tiles.

Public Comment: none

Jim Beckman makes a motion to adjourn meeting, seconded by Louis Cote, all in favor, motion carries.

Meeting adjourned at 8:27 P.M.

Respectfully submitted

Mary Perry, clerk